



Dent County Museum

400 North Pershing Avenue
Salem, MO 65560

Hours:

Sundays

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

(Open from the last Sunday in May
through the last Sunday in October)

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The Dent County Museum preserves Salem and Dent County history for future generations. Built in 1895 on the then northern edge of town, the museum has beautiful, original pine woodwork and is furnished with period furniture and accessories throughout the 13 rooms on three floors. Particularly interesting displays include a loom, vintage clothing, children's toys and clothing, and a reproduction of the Liberty Bell. Also original to the property are several outbuildings, some housing antique equipment. Tall, native oak trees surround the house while flowers popular during the end of the 19th century bloom in beds maintained by the Spring Creek Garden Club.

The Dent County Historical Society and other interested persons helped make the museum, which opened May 30, 1976, a reality. The former home of the late William P. Elmer was purchased to be converted to the museum. Elmer, an early day lawyer, was the sole U.S. Congressman from Dent County. Many of his descendants still live in the area.

Admission is free, but donations are accepted. Memberships are available for \$10 per person per year or \$100 per person lifetime.